

HO-835

Hubert and Lucienne Mitchell House  
3960 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City  
Howard County, Maryland

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-835

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hubert & Lucienne Mitchell House

other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number 3960 Old Columbia Pike \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City X vicinity

county Howard

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trinity Homes

street and number 3675 Park Ave., Suite 301 telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 24-811

city, town Ellicott City liber 9866 folio 161

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:		
		<u>Demolished 2006</u>	<u>0</u>	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			<u>0</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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### House

The house is a 1 1/2-story structure banked into the hill on the north, and is three bays by one bay. It has an exposed foundation on the south that has rubble stone to the west and CMUs to the east, has a gable roof with asphalt shingles, and has aluminum siding on the walls. There is a one-story, two-bay by one-bay shed-roofed addition on the south, or front, of the house. This has a concrete foundation, aluminum siding and asphalt shingles, and is of recent vintage. All of the windows in the house are now modern one-over-one sash. The main block of the house has three dormers on the south and has an offset gable with a longer slope on the north. There is a one-story addition on the east end of the block, with brick on the lower story, aluminum siding above, a deck, and a rail along the flat roof.

The basement level has two rooms, the west room being a modern kitchen in the stone foundation. The east room has a winder stair along the west wall, with the winder at the south end. It has an open stringer, and the newels and balusters have been cut out. The newel at the base of the stairs was boxed and constructed with wire nails. There is a quirked-ogee-and-bevel moulding on the stringer.

The first story has a center passage with one room to each side. The east room has 2 1/4-inch pine flooring that is tongue and grooved and runs east-west. This room has modern trim and circular-sawn dimensional 2 by 4 studs. The east wall was opened up to the east addition, with a modern fireplace added. The center passage has the same flooring and modern trim as the east room. There is a two-run stair in the center that has a solid balustrade and that ascends to the south, then turns and ascends along the east wall to the north. The west room also has this flooring, but has patches in it indicating that a wall ran north-south in here and probably divided the original section in the stone foundation portion of the building into two rooms. There is all new trim in the west room. The walls have sash-sawn 2 by 4 studs that are painted white, as is the interior side of the lapped wood weatherboards. The weatherboards are fastened with wire nails, one of which missed a stud. There is no evidence of lath, but there are some small holes that could be the result of nails. The walls now have drywall attached with liquid nails. On the rear of the first story is an open porch with rooms below it, set into the hill. This is a modern addition. The stair landing studs have lath nail holes in them.

The second story has a modern bathroom to the north of the stairs and passage, and a chamber to the east and the west. The east chamber has 2 1/4-inch pine flooring that runs east-west, has drywall, new trim, and no other historic features. The west chamber has random-width pine flooring that runs east-west and varies between 3 and 6 inches. It also has drywall and modern trim, with no other historic features.

### Carriage House

The carriage house is located about 100 feet southwest of the house and is a two-story, two-bay by one-bay frame structure with board and batten siding and a gable roof with standing-seam metal and an east-west ridge. There are shed-roof additions on the east and west, and the west addition is new. On the north elevation the first-story east bay has a pair of Dutch doors hung on butterfly hinges. The west bay has a single door on butterfly hinges. There is a new sliding door in the center of the second story. The east and west gable ends each have a wood louver vent. The first story of the south elevation has a Dutch door to the west and a six-light sash with head-cut trim. The shed-roofed addition on the east half has plywood and the shed-roofed addition on the east wing has a CMU foundation, German siding, and a six-over-six sash. The east elevation of the east shed has no openings. The

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north elevation of the east shed has two vertical-board doors on T hinges, with a small pair of board doors above them. The carriage house is built of 2 by 4s, with 2 by 4 rafters that have a ridge beam, and 2 by 6 joists.

### Stable

The stable is located about 50 feet west of the carriage house, and is a one-story, four-bay by one-bay frame structure with board and batten siding that is circular-sawn. It has an offset gable roof with an east-west ridge, and the long side of the gable to the south. The south side has corrugated metal roofing while the north side has asphalt shingles. The south elevation has four Dutch doors on butterfly hinges that lead to separate stalls. The east and west elevations have no openings. The north elevation has three six-light sash in the center and west half. The building is constructed of circular-sawn dimensional 2 by 4s with wire nails. A rabbit hutch was added to the east end of the building.

### Springhouse

The springhouse is located about 150 feet south of the house, on the south side of the stream. It is a one-story, one-bay square structure with a CMU foundation, German siding with lattice in the center of the walls, and a gable roof with pressed metal shingles and a north-south ridge. The building is set into the hill on the south. The north elevation has a cross-buck door with beaded-edge-and-center vertical boards on the interior side at the bottom and nothing on the exterior side at the bottom. At the top is lattice on the exterior. The building has exposed rafter ends of 2 by 4s, and does not have any lattice on the south elevation. The interior walls and ceiling are covered with plywood.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates                      n/a    Architect/Builder                      n/a

Construction dates                      c. 1905, c.1926

Evaluation for:

National Register                       Maryland Register                       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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<sup>footnotes</sup>  
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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 7.055 AAcreage of historical setting 37.784 AQuadrangle name Ellicott CityQuadrangle scale 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is the property lines.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning	date	7/23/2007
street and number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state MD	zip code 21043

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

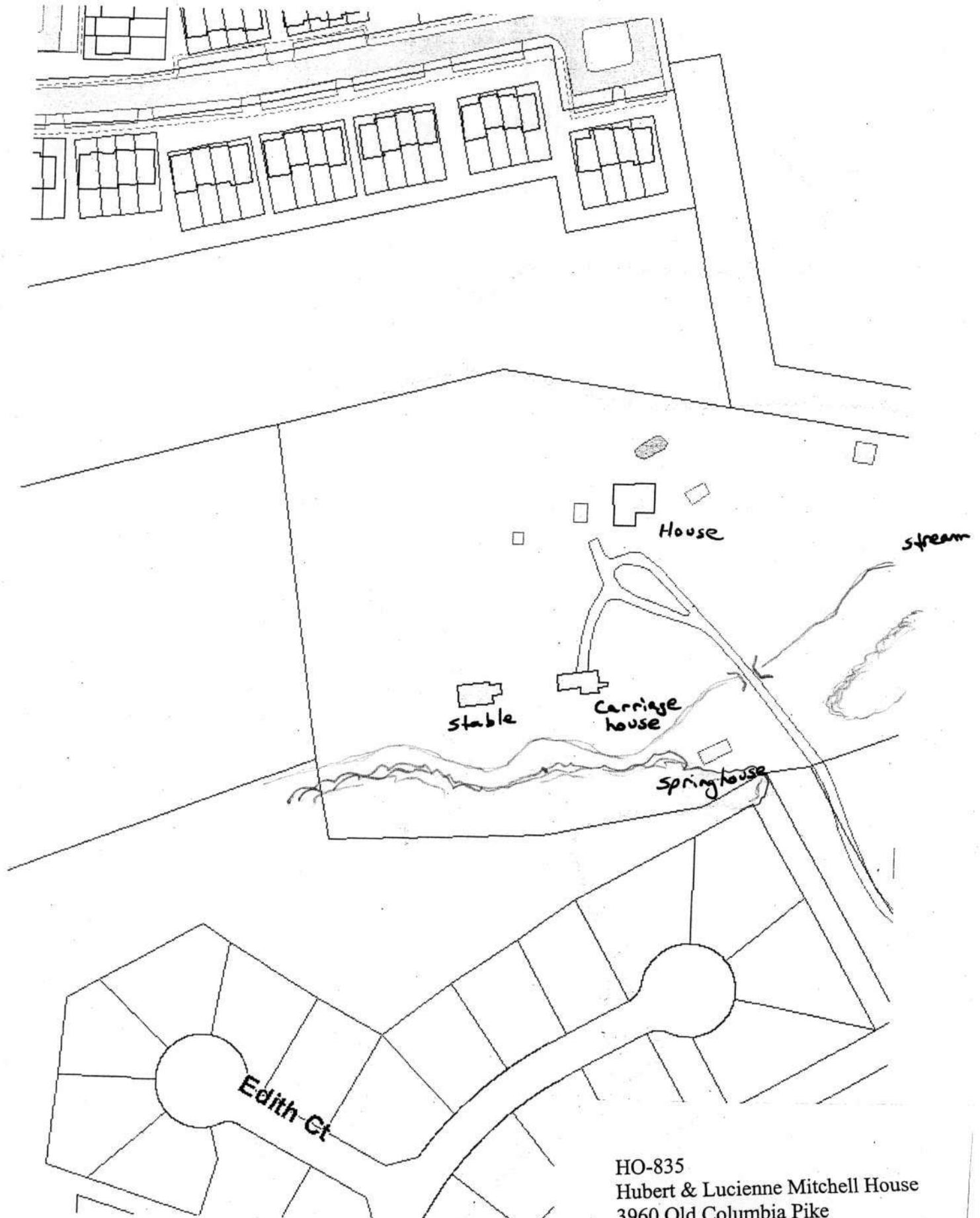
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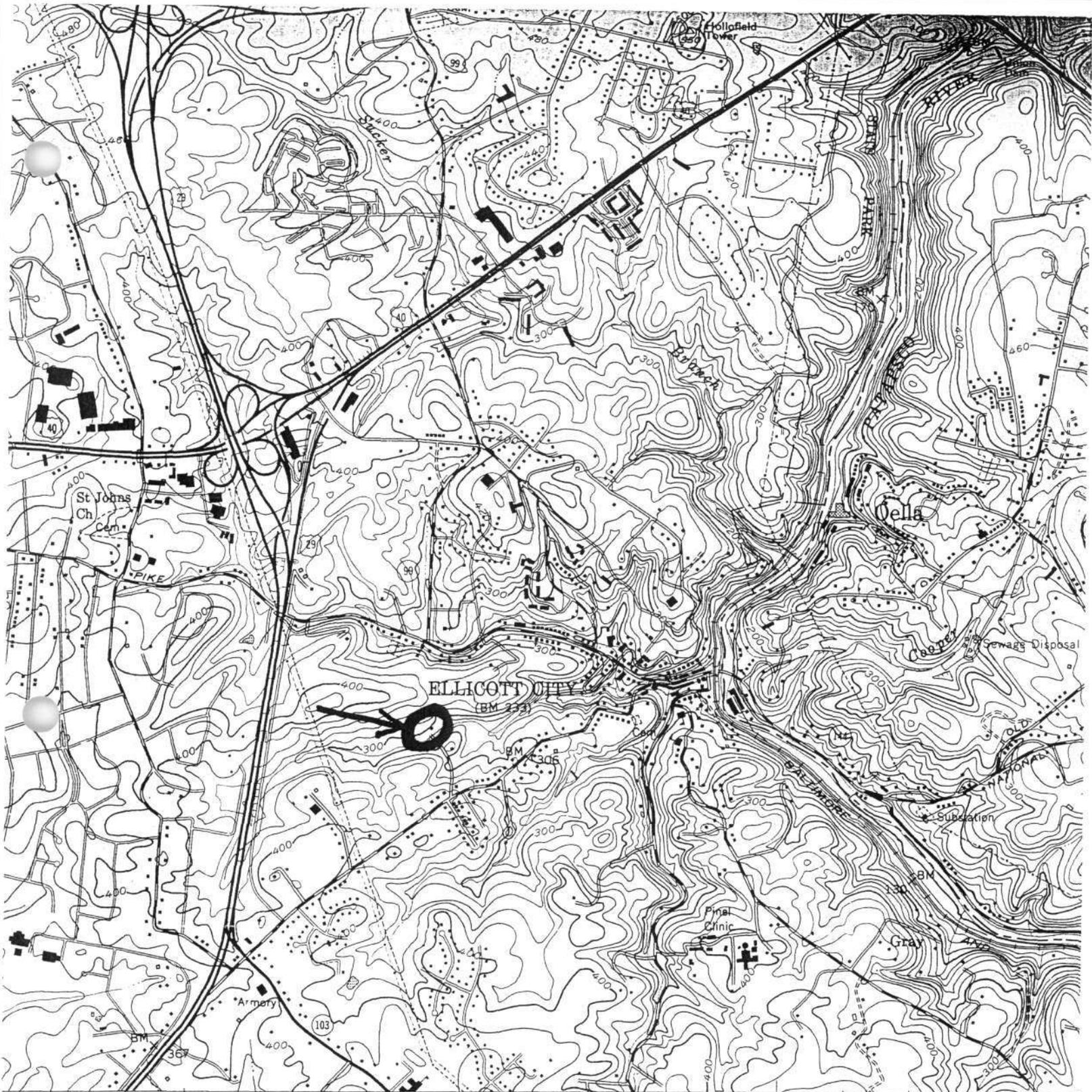
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**3960 Old Columbia Pike**  
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GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Edward F. McGinty Elizabeth A. McGinty/?	Trinity Homes at Woods of Tiber Branch II, LLC/MD Corp.	2.28.2006	9866-161	Deed - fee simple	\$850,000	7.055 A	
Phyllis E. Marshall Linda L. Glunt Sharon Lorraine Brigham Richard Thomas Sealock	Edward F. McGinty Elizabeth A. McGinty	2.25.1985	1340-436	Deed - fee simple	\$165,000	7.055 A	PEM divorced RTS and remarried
Richard L. & Phyllis L. Sealock (H/W)/Howard	Phyllis L. Seelock for life, then to Linda Lee Mensen, Sharon Lorraine Brigham, Richard Thomas Sealock	11.6.1981	CMP 1080-526	Deed - fee simple	None	7.055 A	
Brotan F. & Rose C. Turner (H/W)?	Richard & Phyllis L. Sealock (H/W)?	6.18.1975	724-637	Deed - fee simple	\$10.00	7.055 A	
Herbert A. & Lucienne M. Mitchell (H/W)/Howard	Brotan F. & Rose C. Turner (H/W)?	11.21.1944	BM Jr. 183-507	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	7.01 A	
William O. Hill Committee for Pearl M. Hill, lunatic & husband of PMH/?	Herbert A. & Lucienne M. Mitchell (H/W)?	7.15.1941	BM Jr. 171-104	Deed - fee simple	\$3,000	7.01 A	
Herbert A. & Lucienne M. Mitchell (H/W)/Howard	William O. & Pearl M. Hill (H/W)/Howard	11.11.1937	BM Jr. 158-290	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	7.01 A	
Mary E. Mitchell widow/Howard	Herbert A. Mitchell/?	11.16.1926	HBN 128-365	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	12.76A	
Wesley B. & Mary W. Bennett (H/W)/Howard	John D. & Mary E. Mitchell (H/W)/Howard	9.1.1923	HBN 118- 439	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	37.784 A	
Samuel H. & Eva L. Eidson (H/W)/Clarke Co., VA	Wesley B. & Mary W. Bennett (H/W)/Howard	4.19.1919	HBN 107-211	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	37.784 A	Subject to mortgage for \$6,000

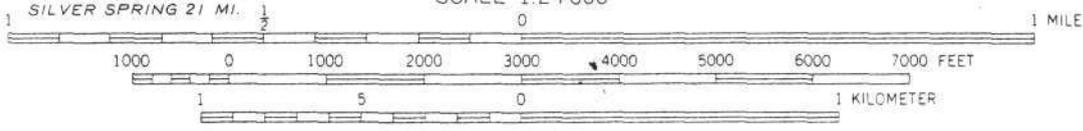


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3960 Old Columbia Pike  
Site Plan



(SAVAGE) 1.3 MI. TO MD. 175  
5662 III NE WEST ELKCRIDGE 5.9 MI.

SCALE 1:24,000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Hubert & Lucienne  
Mitchell House  
3960 Old Columbia Pike  
Howard County, MD  
South elevation  
Ken Short  
October 2006  
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Hubert & Lucienne  
Mitchell House  
3960 Old Columbia Pike  
Howard County, MD  
Stable, west & south  
elevations  
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West elevation  
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Springhouse, north  
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Ken Short  
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North elevation  
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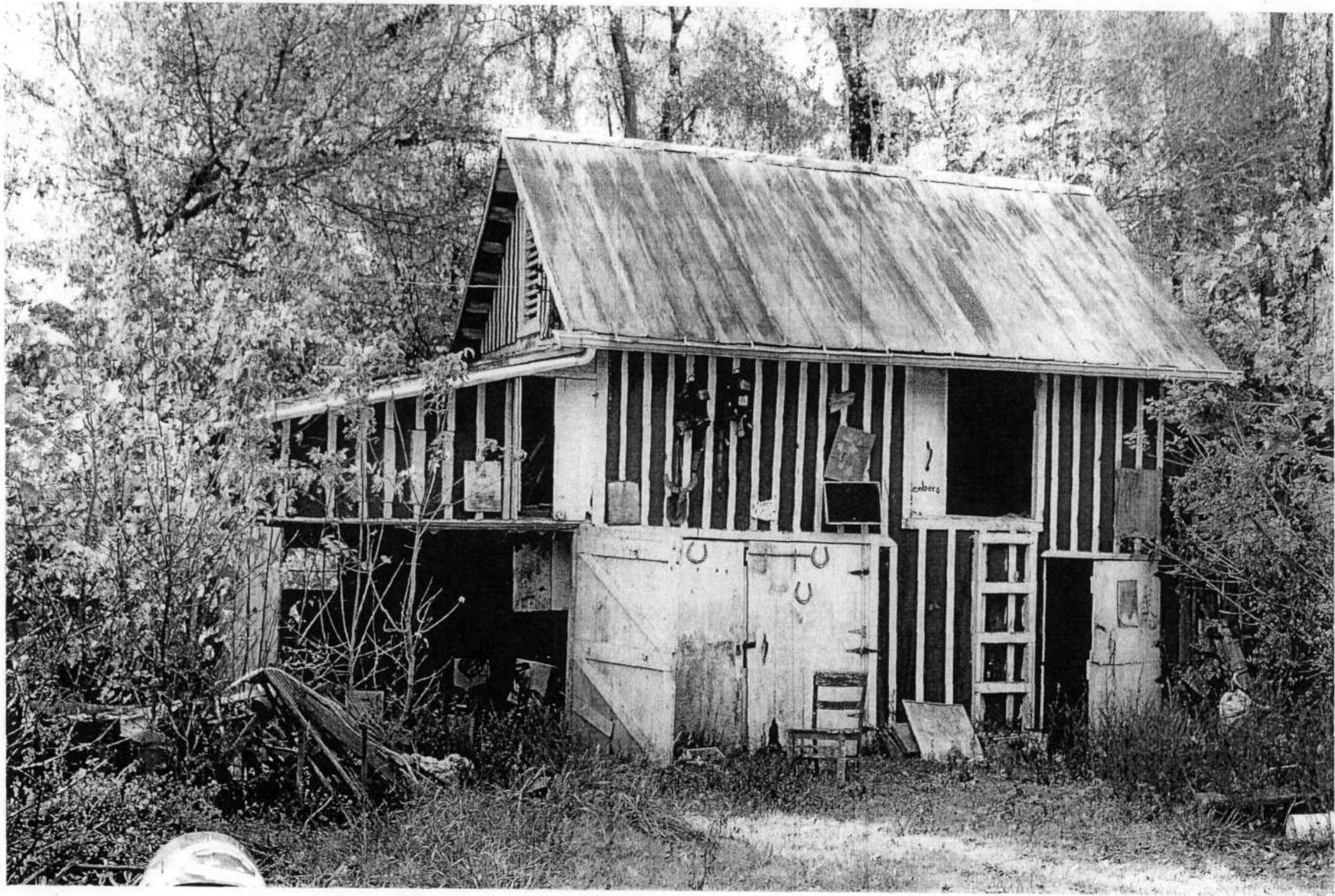
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